

Rapid River News



Welcome to the Rapid River News (RRN)! The RRN is a quick view of what is happening at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI. **January 25th, 2016**

Constitutional Proposed Changes at next Elders Meeting! The LRBOI Elders are hosting a discussion upon the proposed changes to the Tribal Constitution at their next meeting on February 6th following the regular meeting. The Constitutional discussion will be open to all and it will begin at 2 p.m. A representative from the Unified Legal Department will be there to explain the changes. This part of the Elders meeting will be open to the public. Please note that the proposed changes are printed in the January **Currents** along with the current Constitutional wording to assist you in understanding the proposed changes.

Flint assistance! Tribal Council has authorized a \$10,000 contribution to assist the people of Flint, MI with their current water disaster. The tribe has approximately 30 members living in the area at this time. In addition, there is an effort going on to determine what specific assistance our members who live there might need. Water quality is an important issue culturally and it is essential to life. Our recent development of the Waste Water Treatment Facility in Manistee shows our commitment to improving our water quality whenever possible. See the release on page 3. As of press time, between the Casino and the Tribe, we have over 5,000 'views' on Facebook and the compliments and thanks is pouring in.

Goonignebigo Coming up February 27th! It's definitely Snowsnake time in Michigan. See the flyer for ours on page 4. Also note that the LTBB one is scheduled for February 20th!

Indian Trust Settlement Monies !! Recently tribal members have been calling the tribe about some members receiving checks through the mail. **The tribe does not have anything to do with this!** This is a settlement payment from the Cobell/Salazar Class Action suit. You have to be an heir to a Deceased IIM account holder or have owned land held in trust or in restricted status. If you need or want information on this settlement please contact: **Telephone: 1-800-961-6109 or E-Mail: Infor@IndianTrust.com. For mail inquiry, use: Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, Ohio 43017-4877**

Indian Village Youth Camp 2016! The dates for the popular Indian Village Youth Camp have been announced. Two camps will be held with the first in July on the 14th through the 17th. The second is going to be in August from the 11th through the 14th. Watch for more details to come!

5th Annual Midwest Peacemaking Conference announced! June 8th, 9th and 10th are the dates for this important conference. Look for more details as we get closer.

Peacemaking Training! A Peacemaking Training is going to be held in February on the 24th and 25th. Look for further details to come. If you have questions, please contact Tribal Peacemaking at (231)398-2239. For registration, go to: <http://littlerivermpc.wix.com/peacemaking>

Board Openings!

At this time there are two openings on the Casino Board of Directors, any tribal member is free to apply. A thorough background check must be completed. For more details, please contact Mary Thomas at 1-231-398-6824



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Other Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements

- **Membership Meeting Dates for 2016-2017:** (Call the Casino hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations). **Ogema Meet 'N Greet** always the Friday night before the meeting at 7 p.m.!
 - 2016 – April 9, 2016 & October 8, 2016
 - 2017 – April 8, 2017 & October 7, 2017
- **Peacemaking** Training February 24-25
- **Goonignebig** February 27
- **Spring Fire and Teachings** April 6 – 9
- **Midwest Peacemaking Conference** June 8th through 10th
- **Jiingtamok** July 2 & 3
- **Indian Village Youth Camp** (first camp) July 14th through 17th
- **Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp** July 30 & 31
- **Indian Village Youth Camp** (2nd camp) August 11th through 14th
- **Fall Fire** (the Weds – Saturday of Fall Meeting)



Spring Meeting 2015

January 2016 **Currents** is on-line at the new website, www.lrboi-nsn.gov. Be sure to check it out!

LRCR Board Sessions for 2016! Open Sessions at 6:00pm; Grand River Room; Tribal Members invited. January 28, 2016, February 25, 2016, March 24, 2016. Closed Sessions – tentative start time is 8:30am. Those sessions are scheduled for January 29, 2016, February 26, 2016, March 25, 2016. Here is the full schedule as determined for BOD meetings -2016:

January 28/29	February 25/26	March 24/25	April 21/22
May 19/20	June 23/24	July TBD	August TBD
September TBD	October TBD	November TBD	December TBD





(January 18, 2016) Manistee, MI

Little River Band makes donation to assist the people of Flint

Tribe cites the assistance Governor and State provided Manistee area to ensure safe drinking water.

The tribal government of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians reached out today to the people of Flint and offered their prayers and assistance during this time of their water crisis.

In a letter to Governor Snyder's office, MEDC and state Emergency Management officials, the tribe has taken an initial step of assistance by authorizing a \$10,000 donation to the Genesee County Sheriff's Office to assist in their recover work. The tribe contacted Genesee County Emergency Management Manager Chris DeVriendt to discuss how it could help with the response effort.

Little River reiterated their commitment to addressing the importance of water quality as a historical teaching of the Anishinaabek people. Water is a gift from our Creator and without it, we cannot live. Culturally, we understand that water is the most critical part of the cycle of life and it is the key to our relationship to all life on our Mother Earth.

"This is a time when Michigan residents need to come together to assist the people of Flint in any way we can," said Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli. "The Tribe is thankful for the support the Manistee community received from the Governor, state and federal authorities to ensure safe drinking water for the future by rebuilding our communities wastewater treatment facility. The least we can do is pay it forward and assist our Michigan neighbors."

The tribe extended the offer to the Governor's office and authorities following the move over the weekend by President Obama with his honoring of Governor Snyder's request for a formal Disaster Declaration for Flint. This declaration brings full federal support to help the Flint residents deal with the crisis.

Little River has taken steps to ensure their own water quality issues in Manistee with their investment in construction and expansion of their wastewater treatment facility last year. Already, Manistee Township is part of the project and expansion to serve other communities is being discussed at this time. This extensive project was a joint government effort with MEDC, the USDA, local units of government and the Governors' office support.

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Snow Snake 2016!

February 27, 2016!

**Competition starts
at 10am**

- * **Competitors Must be registered**
- * **All Children Must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**
- * **Competitors Must be on site and ready when thier name is called.**

**Registration the day of
event will be from
9am-10am preregister
231-398-6891**

**Location: Aki maadiziwin
2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung,
Manistee, MI. 49660**

**No all metal snakes are allowed.
Two throws per competitor;
longest score counts.
Throws that jump the track
will be counted/ scored.
Sharing of snakes is allowed.**

**Tournament is dependant upon
the weather prior to event,
check for cancellation/delay**

Age Categories

1-4

5-11

12-17

18-54

55+

**Girls/Boys and
Women/ Men
will each be
separate for
each age
category**

**Contact Historic Preservation to Pre-Register
231:398:6891**

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LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity. www.lrboi-nsn.gov

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

Check the website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov

For the latest postings!

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the [Employment Application](#) and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check “temporary” or place “temp pool” on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It’s a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. **Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.** Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

LRBOI Human Resources

2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660F

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288

The Rapid River News is a publication of the Office of Public Affairs of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

News, updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information!

Please note that Hyperlinks are scattered through the RRN. These ‘links’ take you direct documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on the or copy and paste them in your browser for more information



Mattress Sale!

Exclusive OFFER to all Little River Casino Resort associates and Little River Band of Ottawa Indian tribal members at *significant savings!*

The Tranquility sleep set is an Ultra-Premium Plush top mattress set made with the finest spring unit, upholstery and quilt packages on the market. Our supplier has remained committed to using higher than National brand industry standards in all components to provide exceptional sleep! This mattress set has the unique ability to provide exceptional support and sleep for everybody even two people of different weights.

This mattress is 13.5" tall and the box spring is 7.75" tall. All orders must be placed and paid for by March 24th, 2016.

King Set (76" x 80") 597.00 + tax

Queen Set (60" x 80") 448.00 + tax

Full Set (54" x 75") 428.00 + tax

Twin Set (39" x 75") 320.00 + tax



Payment methods: cash, check or credit via LRCR Hotel Front Desk Supervisor, and LRCR associates can opt to do a payroll deduct (please call Barb Girard at 231-723-1535 ext 3870 for details). Mattress will be available for pick up at the LRCR warehouse on Dontz Road Thursday, March 31st from 3pm to 6pm and Friday, April 1st from 10am to 6pm.

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"A Place of Healing Many Hearts"

Peacemaking/ Probation Department

TALKING CIRCLE



Do you enjoy helping people?

Would you like to share your cultural knowledge with others?

Would you like to see Healing in our community?

Would you like to help strengthen community relationships?

Do you believe in conflict resolution over punishment?

Did you answer **YES** to any of these questions? Then becoming a part of the talking circle is for you. The Peacemaking/ Probation Department is looking for people that wish to pass on their wisdom and life experiences to give our at-risk community members guidance and help them understand that their actions affect us all.

This restorative practices program seeks to promote positive solutions that result in rebuilding damaged relationships, repairing harm caused, and re-forging participant's community connections and involvement.

Would You Like to become involved in the Talking Circle?

Peacemakers will conduct the talking circles. The Talking Circle group will work with participants to develop an "Agreement" to change behavior problems and to resolve conflicts in a traditional way.

If you would like to be part of the Talking Circle or would like more information please contact:

Pat Wilson 231-398-2239, E-mail: pwilson@lrboi-nsn.gov

Martha Howell 231-398-2240, E-mail: mhowell@lrboi-nsn.gov (available M,T,F)

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Tribal Court—December Docket

Key:		EM	Emancipation of Minor	NA	Neglect Abuse
CO	Cora Offense/Conservation	FJ	Foreign Judgment	NC	Name Change
CS	Child Support	FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	PF	Probate
CT	Civil Ticket	GA	Gaming Appeal	PPO	Personal Protection Order
DM	Divorce with children	GC	General Civil	TA	Trust Access
DP	Paternity	GM	Guardianship of Minor	TM	Tribal Misdemeanor
DO	Divorce w/o children	GR	Employment Matter	WC	Workmen’s Compensation
EA	Enrollment Appeal	JC	Judicial Complaint		
EB	Election Board Appeal	JV	Juvenile		
		LT	Landlord Tenant		

Monday, January 25, 2016

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Lewis	15263TM Pretrial
10:15 a.m.	LRB v. Campbell	15262TM Pretrial
11:00a.m.	Burmeister v. Burmeister	15235DO Pretrial

Friday, January 29, 2016

Appellate Justices

10:00 a.m.	Rivers v. Cudzilo	15158AP Oral Arguments
11:30 a.m.	Chick v. Casino	15136AP Oral Arguments

January 29, 2016

Judge Sherigan

01:00 p.m.	LRB v. Gibner	14152TM Hearing
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LRBOI Commerce Commission / Commerce Department

Your Tribal Commerce Commission and Commerce Department would like to introduce you to the Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC). From Business Plan Development to strategy on Raising Capital, Financial Management and Technology Commercialization, they can provide free or low cost help that can get your business off to a successful start.

Visit SBDCMichigan.org

Plenty Of Fish In The Lakes Will Be Free For Aspiring Anglers
Feb. 13-14

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging open season on state waters Feb. 13-14 so fishermen and fisherwomen can hook the fish of their dreams.

Both residents and non-residents will be able to participate in the DNR's annual Free Fishing Weekend, which allows aspiring anglers to land a great catch on Michigan waters without a license. All other fishing regulations still apply.

The annual DNR event is meant as a way to promote awareness of the state's aquatic resources, and with thousands of miles of shoreline, rivers, lakes and streams, "Michigan and fishing are a perfect match," a release on the event stated.

A full listing of organized Free Fishing Weekend activities are online at michigan.gov/freefishing.

New LRBOI Website! The new tribal website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov is 'Live'

This site was created to answer your concerns and comments as expressed in the summer survey. It also included input from all branches of the Tribal Government. Please feel free to explore it and let us know what you think. In the January **Currents** we are going to have some shortcuts printed to help you navigate the site. The tips are also printed here (below) in the RRN.

Tribal Website Tips! Here are some tips for navigating the new website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov:

The **Currents** and the Rapid River News can be reached on the front page. Just click on the title!

News briefs will also appear under the 'News' tab on the right side...Just click on them for details

Events information will be accessible on the right side too! Just click on 'Events' and you'll see the list

Top Banner...the top banner leads to: **Government, Membership Services, Resources, News & Media and Contacts**

....Just click on one of them to see departments, reports, forms and contact information.

There is even a **photo gallery** on the front page of the website. The latest photos of events will be posted there!

With the new tribal website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov, you can see the digital version of the **Currents** as well as other photo galleries at the bottom of the website home page. You can save a photo from the newspaper or the gallery by right-clicking on it and copying the photo. That way you can post it into your own computer!

The new website is going to allow for much quicker posting of information. Tribal Council Agendas; Calendars (including the Elders Meals); Resolutions; Proposals up for comment and notices of events will be available there soon!

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“We don’t have to say or think what we don’t wish to. We have a choice in those things, and we have to realize that and practice using that choice.” Rolling Thunder, Cherokee

Having choices makes us fully accountable. No one can make us think anything we don’t want to think. No one can determine our behavior and how we act. It’s not what’s going on but how we look at what’s going on. If someone does something and we get upset, we can change how we look at it any time we want. We can tell ourselves in the morning that the day is going to be beautiful and that we have expectations that great things will happen. Doing this daily sets our mind to look for the joy and excitement of each day.

Great Spirit, help me to choose my thoughts with Your wisdom.

Kateri prayer

LRBOI Warriors Society



New Officers Elected January 2nd, 2016

Commander—John Shano

Vice Commander—Leonard Rittenhouse

Secretary—Virg Johnson

Treasurer—Open

Sergeant at Arms—Chuck Nelson

Chaplain—Chuck Fisher

Warriors Society: We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.

Commission Openings! Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee

Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees! The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema’s office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.



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<u>Departments</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Main phone numbers</u>
<u>Accounting</u>	<u>Government Center—Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6868</u>
<u>Be-Da-Bin</u>	<u>Government Center—Clinic entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6741</u>
<u>Commerce</u>	<u>Government Center — Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6866</u>
<u>Commodities</u>	<u>Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</u>	<u>231.398. 6715</u>
<u>Courts</u>	<u>Justice Center on M22</u>	<u>231.398.3406</u>
<u>Education</u>	<u>Government Center—Clinic entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6735</u>
<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Government Center-Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6712</u>
<u>Fitness Center</u>	<u>Government Center—Lower Level</u>	<u>231.398.6636</u>
<u>Family Services</u>	<u>Government Center—Clinic entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6651</u>
<u>Grants Department</u>	<u>Government Center—Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6843</u>
<u>Gaming Commission</u>	<u>Old Casino Building</u>	<u>231-723-7755</u>
<u>Health Clinic</u>	<u>Government Center—North End</u>	<u>231.723.8299</u>
<u>Historic Preservation</u>	<u>Government Center– Lower Level</u>	<u>231.398.6891</u>
<u>Housing</u>	<u>Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</u>	<u>231.398.6879</u>
<u>Human Resources</u>	<u>Government Center-Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6859</u>
<u>Members Legal Asst.</u>	<u>Justice Center on M22</u>	<u>231.398.2234</u>
<u>Members Assistance</u>	<u>Government Center-Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6733</u>
<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>9th Street Offices—Manistee</u>	<u>231.723.1594</u>
<u>Peacemaking/Probation</u>	<u>Justice Center on M22</u>	<u>231.398.2239</u>
<u>Planning Department</u>	<u>Government Center —Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6810</u>
<u>Prosecutor</u>	<u>Justice Center on M22</u>	<u>231.398.2242</u>
<u>Public Affairs</u>	<u>Government Center-Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6872</u>
<u>Public Safety</u>	<u>Justice Center on M22</u>	<u>231.398.2225</u>
<u>Tax Office</u>	<u>Government Center—Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6874</u>
<u>Utilities/Waste Water</u>	<u>Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)</u>	<u>231.398.2285</u>
<u>Work Force Development</u>	<u>Government Center—Main Entrance</u>	<u>231.398.6842</u>